

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Yet another embodiment of the invention encompasses an article. The article comprises one or more computer-readable ~~signal-bearing~~ media. The article comprises means in the ~~one or more media~~ computer-readable medium for automatically updating one or more provisioning components to port a directory number for a duration of time.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The apparatus 100 in one example employs at least one computer readable ~~signal-bearing~~ medium. One example of a computer-readable ~~signal-bearing~~ medium for the apparatus 100 comprises an instance of a recordable data storage medium such as one or more of a magnetic, electrical, optical, biological, and atomic data storage medium. The recordable data storage medium in one example comprises the storage devices 203, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211, and 212. ~~In another example, a computer-readable signal-bearing medium for the apparatus 100 comprises a modulated carrier signal transmitted over a network comprising or coupled with the apparatus 100, for instance, one or more of a telephone network, a local area network ("LAN"), the Internet, and a wireless network.~~ An exemplary component of the apparatus 100 employs and/or comprises a set and/or series of computer instructions written in or

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implemented with any of a number of programming languages, as will be appreciated by those skilled in the art.